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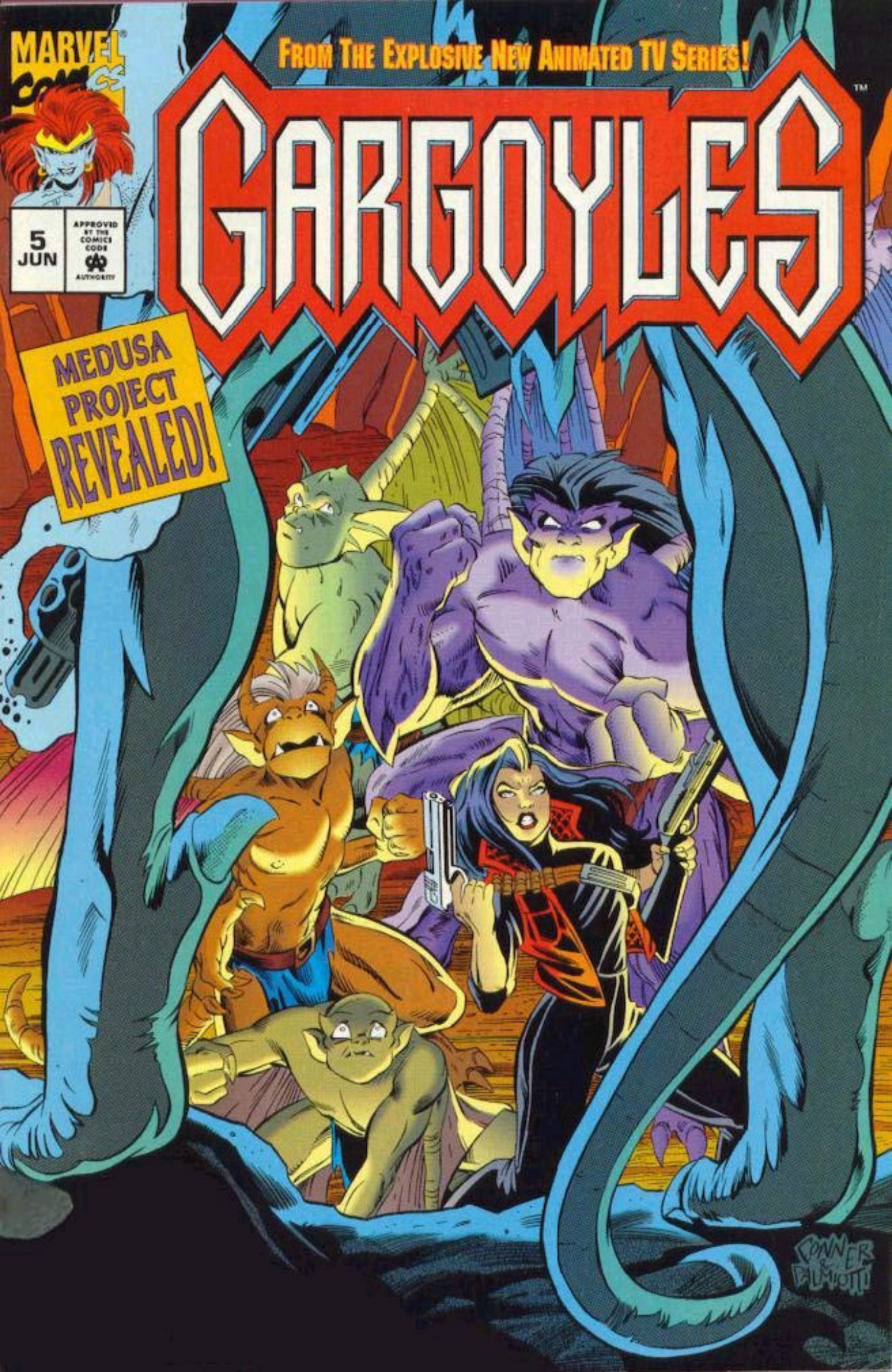
FROM THE EXPLOSIVE NEW ANIMATED TV SERIES!

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# GARGOYLES

MEDUSA  
PROJECT  
REVEALED!



COVER  
ILLUSTRATION



FROM THE PERSONAL DIARY  
OF DETECTIVE SECOND  
CLASS ELISA MAZA, N.Y.P.D.:

As much as I love my sister,  
I was relieved to see her  
GO. Beth is great, but my  
current life is a little TOO  
hectic to be keeping an  
eye on her...

and keep HER eyes off  
some certain GARGOYLES.  
She had gotten a glimpse of  
BROADWAY and it was  
enough to send her running  
back to school in ARIZONA!

LA GUARDIA  
AIRPORT DEAD  
AHEAD, GUYS!

FLIGHT  
TOWER, I'D  
LIKE TO REPORT  
A... AN... UH,  
NEVER MIND!

LEXINGTON,  
WATCH OUT FOR  
THAT PLANE'S  
BACKWASH!

ER, ROGER  
WILLCO,  
GOLIATH!

There was a beautiful crescent moon  
hanging in the clear sky... a PERFECT  
night for flying, though there were more  
than planes in the air THIS evening!



Beth had gotten into her share of trouble while here, yet it was HARD to say good-bye

BOARDING PASS

PLOT: MARTIN PASKO & MORT TODD  
DIALOGUE: MORT TODD  
BREAKDOWNS: AMANDA CONNER  
FINISHES: ALBERTO SAICHANN

FLIGHT 57 TO PHOENIX,  
NOW BOARDING AT GATE 19.  
PLEASE HAVE YOUR  
BOARDING PASSES READY...

OOH,  
THAT'S ME! GOODBYE,  
ELISA! I'M SORRY I WAS  
SUCH A PAIN IN  
THE BUTT!

YOU  
WEREN'T A  
PAIN IN--  
OKAY,  
MAYBE YOU WERE,  
BUT THAT DOESN'T  
MEAN I DON'T LOVE  
YOU, BETH!

I THOUGHT  
I'D SEE SOME ACTION  
ON MY VACATION IN NEW  
YORK, BUT I DIDN'T  
THINK I WOULD SEE  
MONSTERS!

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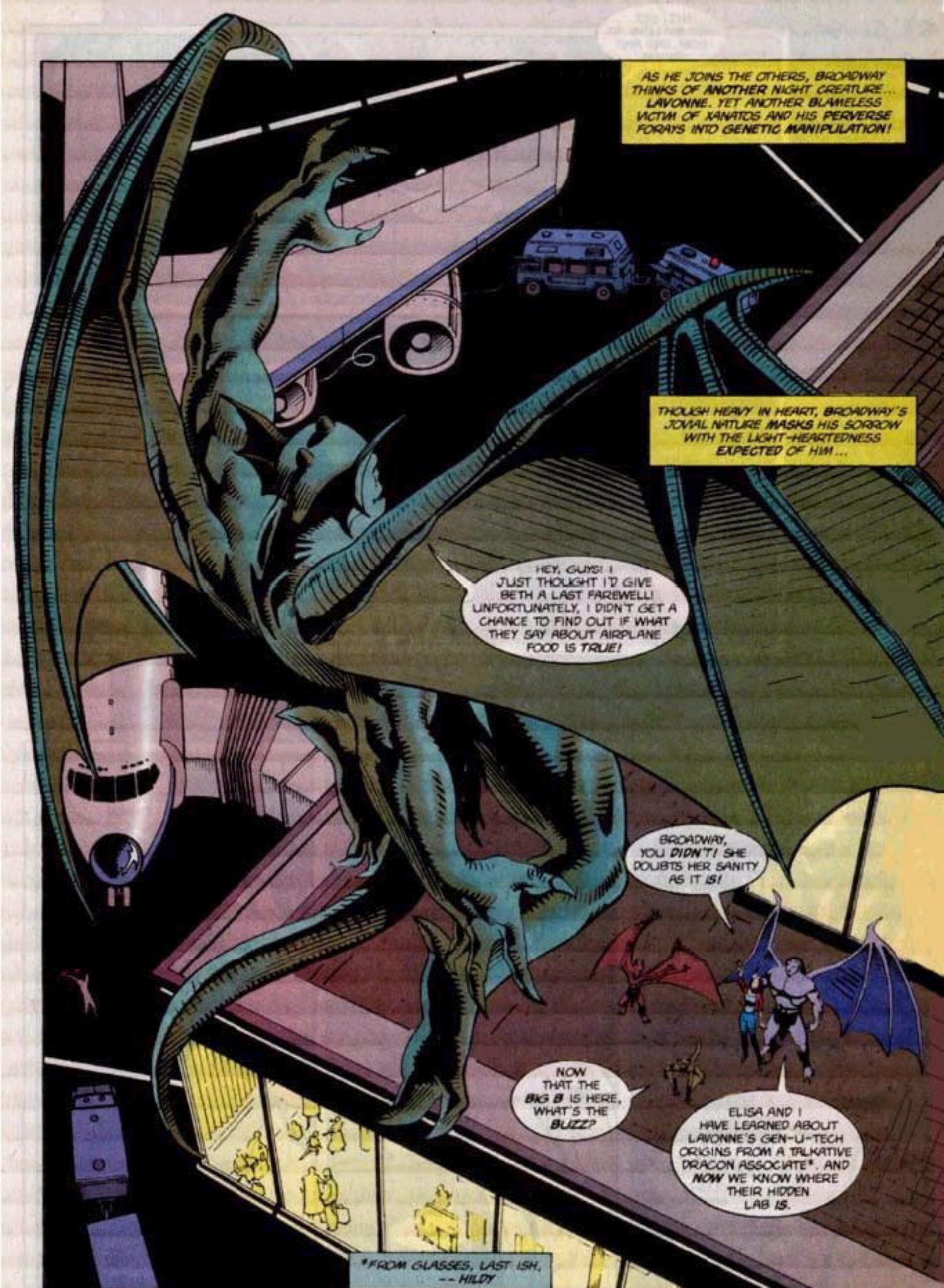
I also felt GUILTY, letting her  
think she saw MONSTERS.  
What if she knew I hung out  
with SIX "monsters" almost  
EVERY night?











AS HE JOINS THE OTHERS, BROADWAY THINKS OF ANOTHER NIGHT CREATURE... LAVONNE. YET ANOTHER BLAMELESS VICTIM OF KANATOS AND HIS PERVERSE FORAYS INTO GENETIC MANIPULATION!

THOUGH HEAVY IN HEART, BROADWAY'S JOVIAL NATURE MASKS HIS SORROW WITH THE LIGHT-HEARTEDNESS EXPECTED OF HIM...

HEY, GUYS! I JUST THOUGHT I'D GIVE BETH A LAST FAREWELL! UNFORTUNATELY, I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO FIND OUT IF WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT AIRPLANE FOOD IS TRUE!

BROADWAY, YOU DIDN'T! SHE DOUBTS HER SANITY AS IT IS!

NOW THAT THE BIG B IS HERE, WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

ELISA AND I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT LAVONNE'S GEN-U-TECH ORIGINS FROM A TALKATIVE DRAGON ASSOCIATE\*. AND NOW WE KNOW WHERE THEIR HIDDEN LAB IS.

\*FROM GLASSES, LAST ISH, -- HILDY



LAVONNE WAS VIRTUALLY DEAD WHEN GEN-U-TECH MUTATED HER INTO A VAMPIRE WITH AN ENGINEERED TASTE FOR SOME PARTICULAR BLOOD... GARGOYLE BLOOD!

I KNOW, BUT SHE WAS VERY SPECIAL.

UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES... WHO KNOWS WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED?

THAT SICKENING GEN-U-TECH BODY CHOP SHOP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HER MISERY... SHE BEGGED ME TO KILL HER!

TH- THEY CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT!

THEY WON'T, BROADWAY. I KNOW YOU AND LAVONNE WERE CLOSE.

BUT NOW GOLIATH AND I HAVE EVERYTHING SET FOR A VERY DISCREET RAID TOMORROW NIGHT!

BOY! THE OL' LUG SURE IS TAKING THIS HARD!

THE LABS ARE ON A MAN-MADE ISLAND, DOWN OFF THE COAST AND OVER THREE MILES OUT.

"HIDDEN UNDER PRE-FABRICATED LANDSCAPING IS A MAZE OF UNDERGROUND LABORATORIES AND BARBARIC TESTING FACILITIES.

"THE WORD IS THAT THEY ARE READY TO RELEASE A NEW WEAPON, KNOWN ONLY AS THE MEDUSA DEVICE!"

"KNOWING THE TWISTED MIND AND HUMOR OF XANTOS, WE CAN ONLY IMAGINE ITS CAPABILITIES.

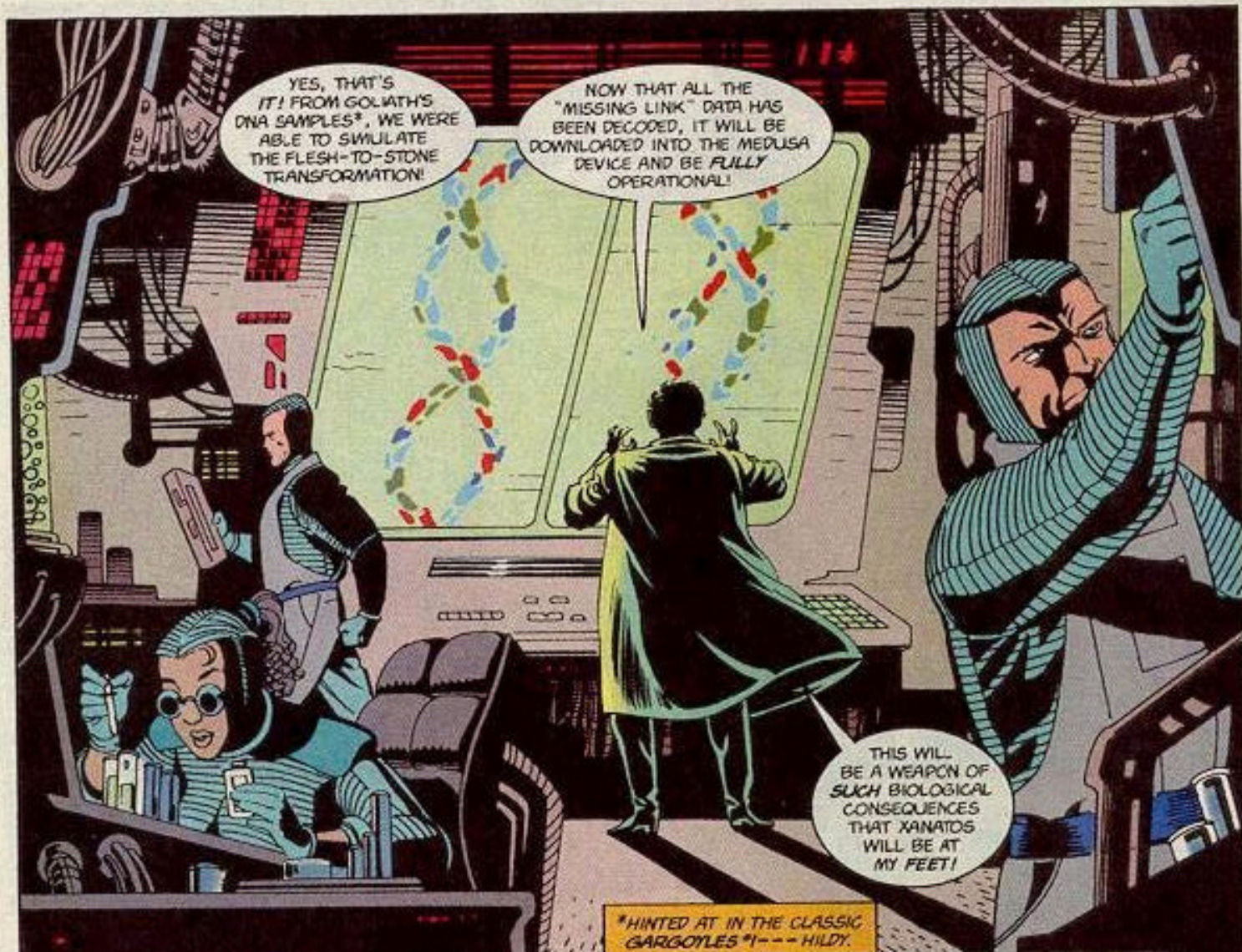
"... BEFORE GEN-U-TECH CAN UNLEASH ANY MORE NIGHTMARES ON THE WORLD.

HEE HEE! FINALLY, WE HAVE IT!

GENETIC SAMPLE ISOLATIONS ON SCREEN, DOCTOR!

"WE'LL HIT THE ISLAND TOMORROW EVENING..."







SEE THAT  
IT IS. WE CANNOT  
TOLERATE ANY MORE  
FAILURE, PHOBOS!  
GOODBYE!

SHOULD I  
PREPARE THE  
YACHT FOR AN  
ISLAND JAUNT,  
SIR?

I DON'T HAVE  
THE LUXURY, OWEN. HAVE  
THE V.T.O.L.\* JET READY FOR  
DEPARTURE AT A MOMENT'S  
NOTICE!

I HAVE A FEW  
PREPARATIONS BEFORE  
I HEAD TO GEN-U-TECH  
ISLAND!

\*VERTICAL TAKE OFF &  
LANDING. — HILTY.

OH DEAR,  
OH DEAR, OH DEAR!

THE MEDUSA  
DEVICE WILL WORK...  
HAS TO WORK...  
MUST WORK!

THIS IS MY  
LAST CHANCE AND TOO  
MANY OF OUR PROJECTS  
HAVE GONE... AWRY!

THOUGH,  
EVEN IF ALL ELSE  
FAILS, I DO HAVE  
MY BACK-UP  
WEAPON.

THIS LAB  
CELL IS SO SECRET,  
NOT EVEN XANATOS  
KNOWS WHAT I'VE  
BEEN DEVELOPING  
HERE!

BIP BEEP

BOOP

PROJECT  
NOSPERATU WAS  
MISDIRECTED! A FEMALE  
VAMPIRE TO BAIT THE  
GARGOYLES WAS  
ALL WRONG!

WHAT I HAVE  
BEGAT IS A POWERFUL  
NEW HYBRID. HALF  
HUMAN AND HALF  
GARGOYLE...

... BUT NOT  
JUST ANY  
HUMAN OR ANY  
GARGOYLE!





YOU WILL BE THE  
FIRST WARRIOR OF AN  
UNEATABLE ARMY, MY  
DEAR... AND TOMORROW  
WILL BE YOUR  
BIRTHDAY!



Late the next  
afternoon, the yacht clips  
confidently through the water,  
its engine the only sound  
breaking the eerie silence.

If anyone had seen this craft, they  
might have wondered why a boat  
was adorned with six GARGOYLES!



RISE AND  
SHINE, GUYS! WE'RE  
ALMOST THERE!

AHHHH! THE  
SMELL OF THE SEA IN THE  
AIR IS A REFRESHING NEW  
WAY TO WAKE UP!





THIS IS A PHAT RIDE YOU GOT US, ELISA! WHERE'D YOU GET IT?

IT WAS CONFISCATED IN A DRUG BUST AND WON'T BE MISSED BY THE PREVIOUS OWNER. HE'S GONE TO A BETTER PLACE!

HE IS DEAD?

NO. WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM!



XANATOS CREATED THIS ISLAND UNDER THE PRETENSE OF IT BEING A COASTAL GAMBLING RESORT AND SUBMITTED THESE SOMEWHAT QUESTIONABLE MAPS TO THE COAST GUARD.

FROM WHAT I SEE HERE, THIS PART OF THE ISLAND IS THE MOST LIKELY TO HOUSE THE SECRET UNDERGROUND GEN-U-TECH LABS!

WE SHOULD ANCHOR HERE. ANY CLOSER AND WE MAY BE DETECTED!

AND HOW THEN DO YE PLAN TO FERRY US ALL TO THE ISLE, LASS?



UH, THAT'S ONE THING I HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT YET!

WHILE DEEP IN THE BOWELS OF THAT ARTIFICIAL ISLAND...

THAT'S IT... A LITTLE COSMETIC WELDING AND THE MEDUSA DEVICE IS COMPLETE!



INTERESTING.

I LIKE THE NAME OF YOUR LITTLE PROJECT. FOR SOME REASON, YOUR HUMAN MYTHS ARE MUCH MORE AMUSING THAN YOUR MYTHETIC SPECIES!

DEMONA!

YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF NERVE BEING HERE!





ME? NOW WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

YOU'RE JUST PARANOID, PHOBOS. NOT THAT YOU DON'T HAVE A REASON TO BE.

YOU'RE NO DOUBT AWARE THAT IF YOUR MEDUSA DEVICE DISAPPOINTS XANATOS, IT'S YOUR FINISH!

N-NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE! MR. XANATOS---

MR. XANATOS WILL ONLY KEEP YOU AROUND IF YOU DELIVER! IT'S A GOOD THING YOU HAVE YOUR BACK-UP PLAN!

YOU HAVE TOO MUCH FREE REIN AND ACCESS TO THESE FACILITIES!

COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT, COMPONENTS AND DATA SEEM TO VANISH IN YOUR WAKE!

B-BACK UP PLAN?

DON'T BE MODEST, PHOBOS!

CURSE YOU! HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT CODE? IT'S REMOTELY CHANGED EVERY HOUR!

BIP BOOP

YOU CAN'T KEEP SECRETS FROM ME, DOCTOR.

BEEP

AFTER ALL, HAVEN'T I BEEN AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PROJECT FROM THE BEGINNING?

GOLIATH HAS HAD, SHALL WE SAY, A HISTORY WITH YOU AND HAS AN OBVIOUS CONCERN FOR MAZA.

THAT IS THE TRUE GENIUS BEHIND THE WEAPON. A POWERFUL CREATURE THAT WILL DO MY BIDDING, AND SHOULD THE GARGOLES INTERFERE, SHE WILL EXPLOIT THE WEAKNESSES OF THEIR LEADER!

AND WHEN WILL SHE "HATCH"?

DON'T FORGET WHO LURED GOLIATH AND ELISA TO GEN-U-TECH TO PROCURE BLOOD SAMPLES...

...THOUGH I MUST ADMIT, I DON'T SEE THE MERIT IN DILUTING THE PURITY OF A GARGOYLE BY HYBRIDING IT WITH A HUMAN!

AND NOT ANY HUMAN, BUT THAT SLATTERNLY ELISA MAZA!

FOR GOOD REASON.

SOON. VERY SOON!



Meanwhile...

HMMM...  
THERE'S NOT ENOUGH  
WIND FOR US TO TAKE  
FLIGHT!

AND  
IF WE TAKE  
THE BOAT IN  
ANY CLOSER WE  
MAY BE BLOWN  
OUT OF THE  
WATER BY GEN-  
U-TECH  
SECURITY!

I'M  
STARVING!

UNLESS A  
BONNY BREEZE WHIPS  
BY, WE'RE STUCK HERE... AND  
MAY DO I RELISH A BRISK SWIM  
AT MY AGE! WHAT WILL  
WE DO?

LOOK  
WHAT WE  
FOUND! WATER  
SKIS!

WE CAN  
USE THESE TO  
GET TO THE  
ISLAND!

NOW  
IS NOT  
THE TIME  
FOR SPORT,  
LADS!

YEAH, HUDSON!  
REMEMBER THAT TV  
SHOW WE SAW WITH  
SKIERS HANG-GLIDING?  
WELL, WE'VE GOT  
THE BUILT-IN  
GLIDERS!

ALL WE HAVE TO DO  
IS GET ON THE SKIS, GET  
ENOUGH SPEED AND OPEN  
OUR WINGS TO CATCH  
SOME AIR!





ER, I HOPE  
THIS WORKS!

ALL SET, FELLAS?  
HANG ON!

YAA-HOO!

HOW!  
WHAT A RUSH!  
OPEN YOUR  
WINGS, LEX...

FOOOOSSH

JALAPENA!

RADICAL!  
IT WORKS! WE'RE  
CATCHING SOME  
SERIOUS  
AIR!

LET'S  
SWOOP DOWN  
AND DROP OFF THE  
SKIS TO THE REST  
OF THEM!





Though some of the Gargoyles may act young and foolhardy at times, I've never seen a more dedicated team of born WARRIORS! Though we could have been going into the mouth of Hades itself, they had no qualms!







I HOPE ALL  
YOUR ARMAMENT WILL  
PROVE UNNECESSARY,  
ELISA!

HAVE YOU  
EVER KNOWN A  
XINATOS FACILITY TO  
NOT BE ARMED TO  
THE TEETH?

POINT  
TAKEN!

WHAT A  
GAS! IF I HAD  
A WALKMAN PLAYING  
WAGNER, I'D FEEL LIKE I  
WAS IN APOCALYPSE  
NOW!

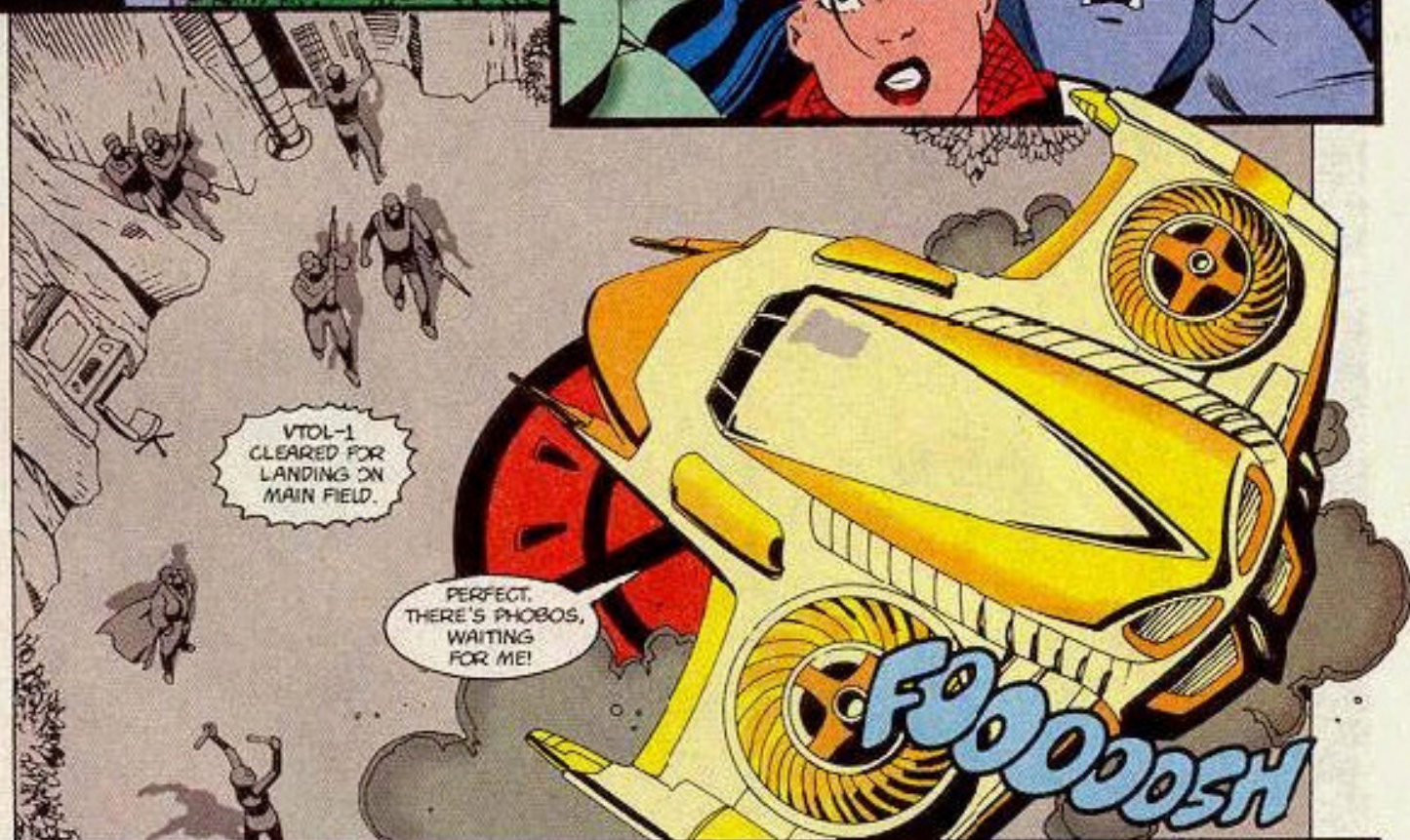
HEY!  
WHAT'S THAT?  
A SHOOTING  
STAR?

NO! IT'S  
SOME SORT OF  
AIRCRAFT... HEADING  
RIGHT FOR THE  
ISLAND!

IT LOOKS  
LIKE IT'S GOING  
TO HIT THAT  
MOUNTAIN!

VR  
HHSSCOO









OF COURSE, SIR. WE'VE MODIFIED THE MEDUSA DEVICE INTO A HEADSET DESIGN.

IT MAKES FOR SUPERIOR TARGETING. YOU DIRECTLY SEE THE SUBJECT AND LOCK ON BEFORE FIRING. NO MARGIN OF ERROR!



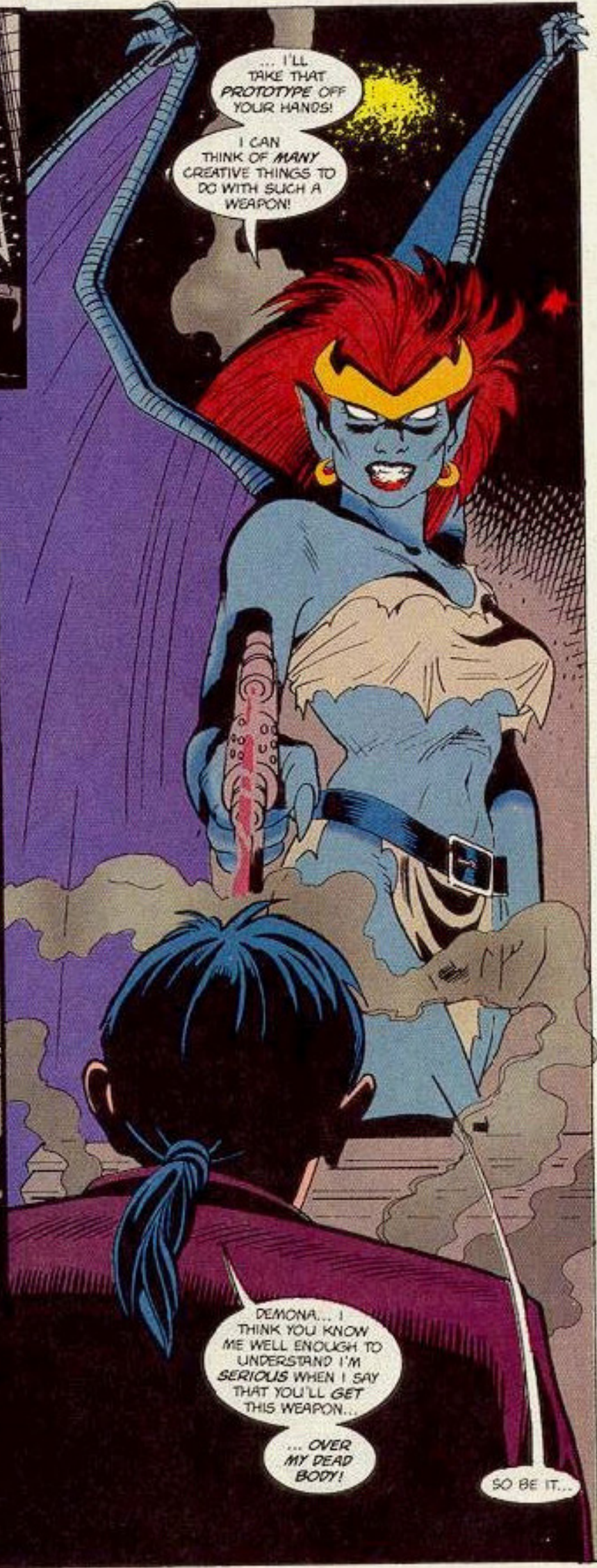
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU REALLY DELIVERED FOR ME, PHOBOS. SUCCESS WILL BE REWARDED HANDSOMELY.



TELL ME, DOES THE POWER SOURCE--

EH?

HELLO, DAVID...



... I'LL TAKE THAT PROTOTYPE OFF YOUR HANDS!

I CAN THINK OF *MANY* CREATIVE THINGS TO DO WITH SUCH A WEAPON!

DEMONA... I THINK YOU KNOW ME WELL ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND I'M SERIOUS WHEN I SAY THAT YOU'LL GET THIS WEAPON...

... OVER MY DEAD BODY!

SO BE IT...













XANATOS'S  
HIRING  
STANDARDS  
SEEM TO BE  
SLIPPING!

THAT MAY  
BE 3 UH ---  
TRUE...

... BUT THERE  
SURE ARE LOTS  
OF THEM!

THAT TAKES  
CARE OF THE FIRST  
BATTALION... WHAT  
NEX...

G-KWAH

XANATOS!

SO! MR.  
BIG MAKES  
A PERSONAL  
APPEARANCE!

UH OH! HE'S  
WEARING HIS STEEL  
CLAW GET UP! THAT  
USUALLY MEANS  
TROUBLE!

HOW NICE  
OF YOU TO NOTICE!  
HOWEVER, IT DOES  
HAVE ONE TINY  
MODIFICATION.

I'M SPORTING  
MY NEW HEADSET...  
OUTFITTED WITH THE  
MEDUSA DEVICE!

QUITE SIMPLY,  
IT MEANS YOU'RE  
FINISHED!



AWARE!  
UP TO  
THING!

HAI THE NEW TECHNOLOGY  
PHOBOS INSTALLED IN THIS HEADSET  
MAKES THE TARGET SIGHTS REACT  
TO MY OWN EYE MOVEMENTS!

THU  
EASIE  
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YES, I NOW POSSESS THE POWER OF THE FABLED GORGON SISTER, MEDUSA!

LOOK INTO MY EYE...

... AND BE PETRIFIED!

GOLIATH! LOOK OUT!

GGRRRR!

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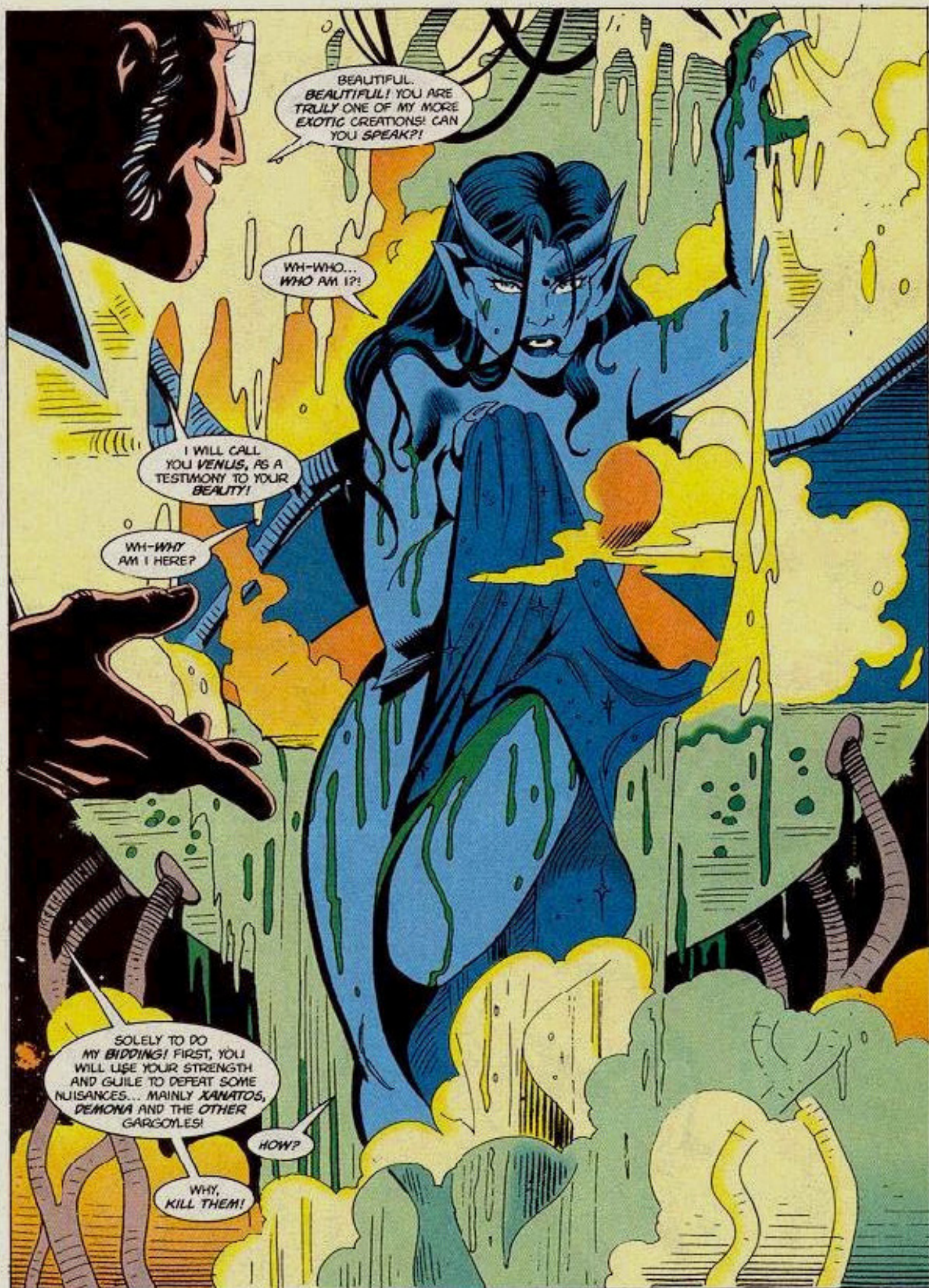


THIS IS IT!  
CHAOS HAS BROKEN  
LOOSE AND IT'S EVERY  
MAN FOR HIMSELF!

THAT HARRY,  
DEMONA, HAS FOULED  
UP EVERYTHING!







BEAUTIFUL.  
BEAUTIFUL! YOU ARE  
TRULY ONE OF MY MORE  
EXOTIC CREATIONS! CAN  
YOU SPEAK?!

WH-WHO...  
WHO AM I?!

I WILL CALL  
YOU VENUS, AS A  
TESTIMONY TO YOUR  
BEAUTY!

WH-WHY  
AM I HERE?

SOLELY TO DO  
MY BIDDING! FIRST, YOU  
WILL USE YOUR STRENGTH  
AND GUILE TO DEFEAT SOME  
NUISANCES... MAINLY XANATOS,  
DEMONA AND THE OTHER  
GARGOYLES!

HOW?

WHY,  
KILL THEM!

**NEXT  
ISSUE: VENUS RISING!**



# WRITTEN IN STONE

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Please include your name, age, and address, though we will gladly withhold that information upon request.

LISA ZAMPELLA  
Assistant Editor

Dear Hildy,

Thanks for printing my letter. I really appreciate it! The Gargoyles Fan Club keeps getting bigger every day! Also, I would like to address Jaona Walker's letter in GARGOYLES #3. They mentioned in the letter about exploring who "fashioned the Gargoyles." In the TV show, they talk about the "rookery", where the Gargoyles' eggs are kept. They were hatched, not carved! Please print my address this time, so others who wish to know about the club can reach me without a computer. Thanks!

Kyle Cummings  
President, Gargoyles Fan Club  
13710 Cypress Pond Rd.  
Cypress, TX 77429

Sounds like you guys are having some fun! For more info about Kyle's fan club, drop him a line!

Dear Written in Stone,

Unfortunately, I missed your first issue, but I did manage to get the second. I like the fact that you've managed to keep true to the TV series. This is the first time that I've really gotten into a comic book. One reason I picked up the comic is that I love the Gargoyles show and another is that I like to draw. I drew a few of the Gargoyles after reading the comic. I just wanted to say "keep up the great work" and I'll continue to get the magazine. Thanks for giving me the chance to find good pictures of my favorite characters so I could finally draw them!

Sara Rosera, age 18  
Portland, OR

Thanks for giving the GARGOYLES comic a chance, Sara. It's funny how a lot of our readers are not regular comic buyers, but they sure are a creative lot! Judging by our mail, there're many artists and writers out there who are inspired by this comic. But, don't keep it to yourself! Make sure all your friends know how cool the GARGOYLES comic is!

Dear Hildy and Lisa,

Yes, yes! Please do a GARGOYLES: Year One series! I'd love to know more about their origins, and it would be great, albeit tragic, to learn more about some of their comrades who were destroyed so long ago in Scotland. You know, I'd like to think other Gargoyles exist in such old cities as Prague or Leipzig. Perhaps one day, they'll find their way to New York and befriend Goliath and company.

Like other fans, I'm glad this book contains new stories rather than mere adaptations of the cartoon. You know the blue, dog-like Gargoyle who doesn't speak and is treated pretty much as a pet? Does he have a name? In GARGOYLES #3, it was wonderful watching him struggle with bubble gum and ultimately getting it all over his face. This was all done in the background while

the others talked. Charming details like this are part of what makes this book so excellent. Thanks for such a great adventure!

Geri Fox, age 37  
Lawrence, NJ  
Internet: 75323.3352 @  
compuserve.com

Part of the fun of reading GARGOYLES is checking out the background action! Big thanks to incredible artist Amanda Conner for all the cool detail in every panel! Be sure to tune in this fall for the GARGOYLES second television season (they'll be on FIVE days a week!) and don't miss a single issue of GARGOYLES comics — there're some tasty tidbits coming up that will answer your questions about the early days! The gargoyle beast is indeed a pet and goes by the moniker, BRONX. Because you fans demanded it, look for a story featuring him in a future issue!

Dear GARGOYLE Writers,

I think the Gargoyles would look better in leather jackets! I was wondering what kind of lab experiments would they do to Goliath if they caught him? My favorite Gargoyles are Lexington and Brooklyn because of their interests in 20th Century stuff. Keep up the good work and Hildy, don't sweat too heavy!

Tony Douglas, age 13  
Marble Hill, MO

Brooklyn often sports a leather jacket when he goes motorcycle riding, Tony, but the other Gargoyles might not like having their wings restrained in jackets! Funny you should mention experiments. Did you notice the beautiful creature on the last panel of this month's story? Don't miss next month, Tony, because Goliath and Elisa are involved in some very bizarre clone work!

Dear GARGOYLES,

I really like Amanda Conner's artwork. My favorite Gargoyles are Brooklyn and Lexington. What's Lexington got to do with New York? All the Gargoyles have names from New York! Why?

Travis Taylor  
Oven Sound, Canada

Back in ancient Wyvern, the Gargoyles had no need of proper names. It wasn't until they woke up a thousand years later that, with the help of Elisa Maza, they named themselves out of modern necessity. All of them, except Goliath, decided to take their names from different parts of their new home, New York City. Lexington is named after Lexington Avenue.

Dear Gargoyles,

I think I am the biggest Gargoyles fan there is! I have bought everything about Gargoyles I can find. I've got the video, all of the GARGOYLES comics, those tiny toys from Burger King and I

get up at 7 A.M. every Friday, just so I can see the show. I think Gargoyles is the best animated action show on TV. Your comics are extremely good and I'm so glad you aren't doing any of the same plots as on TV.

Waiting for your next comic.  
Ben O'Brian  
Toronto, Ontario  
Canada

Now that Gargoyles will be on every day next fall, Ben, hope you don't mind waking up every morning at 7! And just to remind all of our readers, to make sure you never miss an issue of GARGOYLES, you can reserve a copy at your favorite comic shop or subscribe and every issue will be delivered right to you! Subscription forms are in this very comic!

Dear Written in Stone,

Ever since I saw the first Gargoyles show on TV, I was hooked. I started buying all the Gargoyle things I could! I bought the Disney Adventures magazine and even bought statues of them for my room! Now I have some ideas for your GARGOYLES comic. First, I think you should let Bronx and Hudson have bigger parts in the comic. Second, I think it would be neat if the Gargoyles met other gargoyles. The last thing is, I think it would be cool if David Xanatos made a potion that turns people into Gargoyles, then he would drink it and turn into a Gargoyle. Then he could have a fair fight with Goliath and the others!

Andrew Bartolotta, age 13  
North Port, FL

Those are some neat ideas, Andrew. New writer Mort Todd plans to showcase more of the other Gargoyles, while still focusing on Goliath and Elisa. And what do you think of the current storyline where the Gargoyles encounter a new creature: part human/part gargoyle?

## Next Month:

Goliath is up against a humanoid Gargoyle that looks and acts like Elisa. How can he defeat an opponent he can't even bring himself to fight?

